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SUPERINTENDENT'S COMPENDIUM: Of Designations, Closures, Permit Requirements and Other Restrictions Imposed Under Discretionary Authority - 36 CFR 1.7(b)

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As provided in 16 USC, Section 3, and Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Chapter I, Parts 1-7, the following Superintendent's Orders are established for Canyonlands National Park. Unless otherwise noted, these orders apply in addition to the regulations contained in Parts 1-7 of Title 36 CFR.

These actions are necessary for the maintenance of public health and safety, protection of environmental or scenic values, protection of natural or cultural resources, aid to scientific research, implementation of management responsibilities, equitable allocation and use of facilities, or the avoidance of conflict among visitor use activities.

Visitors may obtain a copy of this compendium, additional information or permit applications by contacting: Office of the Superintendent, Canyonlands National Park, 2282 S. West Resource Blvd., Moab, Utah 84532-3298.

A copy of this compendium is also available for public review at the following locations:

Needles Visitor Center
Canyonlands National Park

Island in the Sky Visitor Center
Canyonlands National Park

Hans Flat (Maze) Ranger Station
Canyonlands National Park

The Canyonlands National Park Internet Web Site:
<http://www.nps.gov/cany>

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36 CFR 1.5 Closures and Public Use Limits

Definitions:

A four wheel drive vehicle is defined as a sport utility vehicle (SUV) or truck with at least 15-inch tire rims and at least eight inches of clearance from the lowest point of the frame, body, suspension, or differential to the ground. Four wheel drive vehicles have a transfer case between the front and rear axles that locks the front and rear drive shafts together when four wheel drive is engaged. All wheel drive (AWD) vehicles do not meet this definition.

ROADS

The following roads and parking areas are closed to all vehicle traffic or restricted as noted except for those on official government business:

Needles District

- Dirt road leading from paved road to water well.
- Road located approximately 100 yards east of maintenance area leading to generator building.
- Dirt road leading south from loop road, located approximately 200 yards west of Ranger Station.
- Dirt road off Salt Creek access road approximately 200 yards from Squaw Creek.
- 4 Wheel Drive is required on motor vehicles, travelling on the following roads: Elephant Hill, Salt Creek, Horse Canyon, Davis Canyon, Lavender Canyon, Colorado Overlook road.

Island in the Sky District

- Dirt road near Grand View Point leading from paved road to radio repeater shed.
- Dirt road near Willow Flat campground leading to a National Park Service maintenance storage/supply area.
- Dirt road adjacent to Shafer day use parking area leading to a National Park Service maintenance storage/supply area.
- The Shafer day use parking area is closed from one-half hour after sunset until one-half hour before sunrise.
- 4 Wheel Drive is required on motor vehicles, travelling on the following roads: The White Rim

Maze District

- 4 Wheel Drive is required on motor vehicles, travelling on the following roads:
Flint Trail and Teapot rock

Vehicle travelers and bicyclists are required to stay on designated roads at all times.

All park roads are subject to temporary closures as indicated by signs or other means of notification during periods of adverse weather, natural disaster, emergency, or implementation of management responsibilities.

ROCK CLIMBING AND CANYONEERING

Definitions:

Technical Rock Climbing is defined as ascending or descending a rock formation utilizing rock climbing equipment.

Free Climbing and Clean Aid Climbing are minimum impact approaches that employ chocks, stoppers, nuts and camming devices, rather than pitons or bolts, for protection or direct support. These are climbing aids that are removable and do not damage the rock.

Aid Climbing is the direct use of a fixed or placed protection – pitons, nuts, bolts rivets, spring-loaded cams etc. to support a climber's weight and assist in the climber's ascent. In general, aid techniques are reserved for pitches where free climbing is difficult to impossible, and extremely steep and long routes. Most difficult aid climbs still require pitons or other techniques using a hammer.

Clean Aid Climbing is aid climbing without the use of bolting gear, pitons or other gear that scars the rock or becomes fixed after ascent.

Canyoneering (also known as Canyoning) is defined as cross country travel involving descending into canyons or major rock formations using a variety of techniques that are associated with technical descents –those that require rappels (abseils) and rope work, technical climbing or down-climbing, technical jumps, and/or technical swims.

Bivying (also known as bivouac) is the act of camping while on a climbing route above the ground. This may involve nothing more than lying down or sitting on a rock ledge overnight. If no rock ledge is available, a cot or "portaledge" is suspended from anchors to serve as a bivouac.

Slacklining or Slinglining is defined as walking on a rope or other line that is anchored between rock formations, trees, or any other natural features. Height of the rope above the ground is immaterial.

The following closures, conditions, and restrictions apply to rock climbing or similar activities such as, but not limited to, technical rock climbing, free climbing and clean aid climbing within Canyonlands National Park:

Closures

- Climbing, scrambling, or walking upon, wrapping webbing or rope around, or rappelling from any arch with an opening greater than 3 feet, except for Washer Woman Arch in the Island In the Sky District, is prohibited in Canyonlands National Park
- The entire Salt Creek Archeological District, which includes Salt Creek, Horse and Lost Canyons, and upper Davis and Lavender Canyons, is closed to climbing.
- The detached Horseshoe Canyon Unit of the Maze District is closed to climbing.

Conditions

- Permits are not required for day use rock climbing or canyoneering. A backcountry permit is required for overnight climbing or canyoneering in the backcountry, per the stipulations of the Canyonlands National Park Backcountry Management Plan.

Restrictions

Climbing and canyoneering within Canyonlands National Park shall be either free climbing or clean aid climbing, except as described below.

- No new permanent climbing hardware may be installed in any fixed location. If an existing bolt or other hardware item is unsafe, it may be replaced. This will limit all climbing to existing routes or new routes not requiring placement of fixed anchors.
- Climbing anchors and/or protection points may not be placed with the use of a hammer except to replace existing belay and rappel anchors and bolts on existing routes, or for emergency self-rescue.
- If an existing software item (slings, runners, etc.) is unsafe, it may be replaced.
- Software (webbing, accessory cords, etc.) that is left in place shall match the rock surface in color.
- The intentional removal of lichen or plants from rock is prohibited.
- The physical altering of rock faces such as chiseling, glue reinforcement of existing holds, and gluing of new holds is prohibited.
- The possession of a motorized drill, outside of a vehicle, in a non-developed area is prohibited.

- Fixed ropes may not be left in place for more than 24 hours. Fixed ropes left in place longer than 24 hours shall be considered "abandoned property" and removed.
- Slacklining or highlining is prohibited.
- Use of white chalk is prohibited. Chalk must be earth tone in color and match the color of the rock surface.

USE LIMITS, CONDITIONS, AND RESTRICTIONS

The following public use limits, conditions and restrictions are established within Canyonlands National Park:

Island in the Sky District

- Fort Bottom is day use only with the exception of two river camping sites available to boaters only.
- White Rim day use is limited; visitors must obtain a day use permit

Needles District

- Virginia Park is closed to all entry except by permit.
- The upper two miles of Elephant Canyon, the Confluence Overlook, and the Joint Trail are designated as day use only areas.
- Lower Big Spring and Lower Little Spring Canyon, Lower Salt Creek (below the Lower Jump), and Lower Elephant Canyon are closed to all human entry from May 1 to September 1, for the protection of desert bighorn sheep.
- Lockhart Canyon is limited to day use only. Overnight use or camping is prohibited.

Maze District

- Horseshoe Canyon, Pete's Mesa, and areas below and visible from the Maze Overlook are limited to day use only.
- Jasper Canyon is closed to entry from the canyon head near Chimney Rock camp downstream to the Jump. Views into Jasper Canyon are possible and allowed from many locations along the canyon rim.
- To reduce impacts from trampling and multiple trailing, only designated trails may be used when hiking in the Doll House area of the Maze District.

- Groups within the Horseshoe Canyon unit must not have more than 20 persons present. Larger groups are only permitted when on a guided interpretive program or when divided into smaller groups that travel separately.

River District

- Cataract Canyon from lower Red Lake Canyon to the mouth of Y and Cross Canyons is restricted to day use only from December 1 to February 28, for the protection of bald eagles.
- The towing of persons by vessels on all waters within Canyonlands National Park is prohibited.
- Upstream motorized travel and “up-running” in Cataract Canyon is prohibited except when authorized in writing by the Superintendent, pursuant to 36 CFR 1.5 and 1.6. Cataract Canyon is defined as that portion of the Colorado River beginning with the first rapid which is known as Rapid #1 (approximately at river mile 212.3), and continuing downstream to the park boundary which is located at Big Drop Two (approximately at river mile 202.5). Upstream travel below this point is regulated by the Glen Canyon National Recreation Area Compendium which prohibits upstream travel between the mouth of Imperial Canyon (river mile 200) and Big Drop Two.

Upstream motorized travel is defined as travel by any type of motorized vessel predominately against the current through Cataract Canyon as defined above. Motorized vessels are permitted to use eddy currents in rapids to re-run the tail-waves of the rapid. The beginning of the rapid is where the current speed increases dramatically, or the area known as the “tongue”. The tongue of a rapid is the “v” shaped patch of smooth water that has not yet been aerated by the wave action.

This section does not apply to authorized Federal, State, and local law enforcement officers in the performance of their official duties; and to National Park Service employees engaged in emergency operations and/or administrative activities.

- Life jackets specifically designed for “whitewater use” are required in Cataract Canyon PFDs approved for use on whitewater trips must have a U.S. Coast Guard label that specifies the intended use as “whitewater rafting” or “kayaking, canoeing, paddling or sailing.” General use, universal, general boating and water ski PFDs are not approved for use in whitewater, but are allowed on flat water trips. Inflatable PFDs are not allowed on rivers in Utah. PFDs must be in good condition (serviceable) with a legible label, no rips, tears or excessive sun damage, all buckles and fasteners functioning, and no repairs or after-market modifications.
- River permit holders are required to have the following equipment: first aid kit, one spare properly fitted serviceable personal floatation device per every 5 participants or one per boat, whichever is fewer, a repair kit and air pump for

inflatable boats, a bailing device (does not apply to self-bailing boats).

- Groups must travel together and may not separate for the purpose of securing camps ahead of other permitted groups
- The caching of boats and equipment for more than 24 hours is subject to special terms, to include: The cache will be labeled with a permit holders name, date, and permit number; the cache will be secure from wildlife and not buried.
- Individuals utilizing packrafts (rafts designed to be carried by backpack, weighing less than 7 lb., and meeting the State of Utah definition for a float tube), are subject to all boating regulations, except that they are not required to have a spare PFD or paddle. Packraft groups often transition between river and backpacking activities. Overnight backpacking use requires a proper backpacking permit. Any river use by packraft will require a river permit unless all of the following conditions are met:
 1. River use is above the confluence of the Green and Colorado rivers or below the last active rapid of Cataract Canyon.
 2. The total distance of river travel is less than two miles.
 3. The users camp outside of the river corridor (1/2 mile or 1000 vertical feet from the river).
 4. The users must carry an approved river toilet system.
- Boaters utilizing packrafts or hard sided kayaks may carry and use an aluminum turkey basting pan, in lieu of an approved fire pan, for emergency use only.

HANG GLIDERS, BASEJUMPING UNMANNED AERIALVEHICLES, AND OFF HIGHWAY VEHICLES

Canyonlands National Park is closed to the use of hang gliders, paragliders, and parachutes. BASE jumping is prohibited in Canyonlands National Park. 36 CFR 2.17 (a)(3); NPS Management Policies 2006, 8.2.2.7.

Definition: The term “unmanned aircraft” means a device that is used or intended to be used for flight in the air without the possibility of direct human intervention from within , or on the device, and the associated operational elements and components that are required for the pilot or system operator in command to operate or control the device (such as cameras, sensors, communication links). This term includes all types of devices that meet this definition (e.g. model airplanes, quadcopters, drones) that are used for any purpose, including for recreation and commerce.

Launching, landing, or operating an unmanned aircraft from or on lands and waters administered by the National Park Service within the boundaries of Canyonlands National Park is prohibited except as approved in writing by the superintendent. 36 CFR 1.5

All motor vehicles operated within the boundaries of Canyonlands National Park must have a valid state registration, display a valid state license plate(s), and be operated by someone in possession of a valid state issued operator's license. 36 CFR 4.2.

Use of off highway vehicles (OHV); all-terrain vehicles (ATV); or other motorized conveyance manufactured for recreational non-highway, off road, or all terrain travel (all-terrain type I or type II vehicles, as defined by Utah State Code Annotated 41-22-2) are prohibited. All vehicles must be equipped to legally operate on interstate highways. 36 CFR 1.5

No use of vehicles is allowed off of designated roads. 36 CFR 4.10(a), (b).

Operators are prohibited from idling motor vehicle engines, or generators in developed areas, with the following exceptions: 1) engines may be idled for up to 10 minutes in order to cool; 2) in the Willow Flat and Squaw Flat campgrounds a generator may be operated during the hours of 8:00am -10:00am and 4:00pm – 8:00 pm.

COMMERCIAL VEHICLES

Drivers of motor vehicles are prohibited from idling their engines in parking lots of developed areas, with the following exceptions: 1) after long uphill grades, engines may be idled for up to 15 minutes in order to cool; 2) engines may be left running to provide cooling or heating for disabled passengers who have difficulty in disembarking. 3) to allow the driver to complete their Pre Trip Vehicle Inspection.

DESIGNATED BACKCOUNTRY

All lands, including four-wheel drive roads and the Shafer Trail below the Shafer day use parking area, and waters within the boundaries of Canyonlands National Park are designated as backcountry with the following exceptions:

- Two-wheel drive roads (paved or dirt surfaces) and their adjacent shoulders, ditches and culverts. Dimensions for these corridors shall be 300 feet, each side, from centerline on paved roads and 150 feet, each side, from centerline of non-paved two-wheel drive roads unless a topographic feature provides a closer and more functional natural boundary. Designated two-wheel drive roads are identified on the Canyonlands Official Map and Guide, publication number GPO: 2002--491-282/40194 Reprint 2002 (attached).
- Administrative buildings and their immediate surroundings.

SWIMMING AND BATHING

The following restrictions apply to all parklands:

- Swimming, bathing, and immersing human bodies in water sources are prohibited

(except in the Green and Colorado Rivers and the section of Salt Creek that is open to vehicle use).

- Only biodegradable soaps may be used, and they must be used at least 100 feet away for water sources, with the exception of the Green and Colorado Rivers.
- Rinsing dishes or other equipment directly in water sources is prohibited, except in the Green and Colorado Rivers.
- A water source may not be emptied or depleted for human and/or saddle/pack animal use.

WILDLIFE AREAS

- Except for Administrative Activities, the areas identified by Feature or Route Name in the Appendix entitled Area Protection – Wildlife are closed to all visitor use, as listed or until NPS surveys the associated habitats to be unoccupied by nesting raptors and/or lambing bighorn sheep.

VESSEL SIZE

- No vessel in excess of 50 feet in length shall be operated on waters within Canyonlands National Park.

36 CFR 1.6 Permits

The following permits are required within Canyonlands National Park:

- Carry or possess a weapon, trap, or net – 2.4(d)
- Specimen collection – 2.5
- Backcountry use permit – 2.10
- Audio disturbance – 2.12
- Horse and Pack Animals – 2.16
- Aircraft and air delivery – 2.17
- Unattended property – 2.22
- Fee waiver – 2.23
- Noncommercial soliciting – 2.37
- Explosives – 2.38
- Special Events – 2.50
- Public assemblies, meetings – 2.51
- Sale or distribution of printed material – 2.52
- Residing on Federal lands – 2.61
- Memorialization – 2.62
- Boating in Cataract Canyon – 1.5
- Overnight flatwater boating – 1.5
- Load, weight and size limits – 4.11

- Business operations – 5.3
- Commercial photography – 5.5
- Commercial vehicles – 5.6
- Construction of buildings or other facilities – 5.7

Permits will be specific in nature to the activity being permitted. In those cases where permit use is frequent a specific permit form has been designed, i.e. backcountry permit, entrance and campground fee permits and commercial filming permits. In most other cases a special use permit or letter of authorization will be prepared which will articulate the specific conditions under which the permitted activity is authorized. In all cases a permit or letter of authorization must be in the permittee's possession at all times and must be presented to any authorized person upon request.

2.1 Preservation of Natural, Cultural, and Archeological Resources

(a)(4) Driftwood may be collected only in the following areas within the Park for possession and use as fuel for campfires:

- Colorado and Green Rivers: water surfaces and river banks below high water lines.

2.2 Wildlife Protection

(d) During time periods when the Cottonwood Road, which runs from SR 211 to Beef Basin/Elk Ridge, is closed due to impassable road conditions hunters may transport lawfully taken wildlife through the park area via the following route: the south boundary at Bobby's Hole, direct to Elephant Hill, direct to the east entrance of the Needles District of the park. Hunters may also access the Beef Basin/Elk Ridge area via the Needles District entrance of the park, direct to Elephant Hill, direct to the south boundary. No deviation from the above noted routes may take place.

Wildlife being transported through the park must meet all State of Utah Big Game Proclamation requirements pertaining to tagging and transporting of big game.

With the exception of firearms, hunters must possess only weapons that meet the definition of "unloaded" during cross-park transport (36 CFR 1.4 – "Bows, crossbows, spear guns or any implement capable of discharging a missile or similar device by means of a loading or discharging mechanism, when that loading or discharging mechanism is not charged or drawn.")

(e) All lands within the exterior boundaries of Canyonlands National Park including the detached Horseshoe Canyon are closed to viewing wildlife with an artificial light.

2.4 Weapons, traps and nets

(d)(4) *With the exception of firearms*, the Superintendent may issue a permit to carry or possess a weapon, trap or net within the Park in order to provide access to otherwise inaccessible lands or waters contiguous to the Park, when other means of access are impractical or impossible.

(h) Notwithstanding any other provision in this Chapter, a person may possess, carry, and transport concealed, loaded, and operable firearms within a national park area in accordance with the laws of the state in which the national park area, or that portion thereof, is located, except as otherwise prohibited by applicable Federal law.

2.10 Camping and Food Storage

(a) A river use/backcountry permit is required for all overnight river use within the boundaries of Canyonlands National Park.

A backcountry use permit is required for all overnight use in the park except for the frontcountry campgrounds at Squaw Flat, Willow Flat, Wooden Shoe and Split Top.

(b)(9) Conditions

FRONT COUNTRY CAMPGROUNDS Camping in the designated front country campgrounds within Canyonlands is permitted subject to the following requirements:

- No person or party, or their equipment, shall occupy the campground for more than seven (7) nights (consecutively or non-consecutively) in any thirty (30) day period or for a total of fourteen (14) nights per year.
- Sites may not be left unattended for more than 24 hours.
- All motor vehicles, including motorcycles, and bicycles, must be parked on the paved or designated parking at each site, and must not extend into the roadway.
- Occupancy is limited to ten (10) persons per site for the individual campsites. The individual campsites will be operated on a first come-first served basis. Sites may not be held for parties arriving later.
- It is prohibited for visitors to go through the campground requesting that campers allow them to share sites.
- Checkout time is 10 a.m.

- The use of generators is restricted to the following hours: between 8 a.m. and 10 a.m., and between 4 p.m. and 8 p.m.
- Open fires are allowed only in the fire grates provided. Barbecues, Hibachis, etc., are also allowed in campsites where fire grates are provided.
- Camping fees are to be paid and deposited within thirty (30) minutes of occupying a site. Sites not paid for will be considered unoccupied and available for use.
- Where provided, tent pads must be used for the placement of tents or sleeping pads. Where tent pads do not exist, tents must be placed no further than 25 feet from the designated fire grate.

GROUP CAMPSITES The following conditions apply to the group campsites designated below:

- Group sites may be reserved for a maximum of seven (7) days per reservation.
- Group sites may not be reserved more than twice in any calendar year by the same user group.
- Group Site Capacities:

GROUP SITE	VEHICLES	PEOPLE
Squaw Flat	10	50
Woodenshoe	5	25
Split Top Cave	3	15

BACKCOUNTRY VEHICLE CAMPSITES Camping at the following designated backcountry areas is restricted to the maximum capacities per site. Camping with vehicles is restricted to designated sites by backcountry permit only. Each site is identified by boundary posts defining the perimeters of the campsite area. Sleeping, cooking and social activities must take place within the boundaries of the four posts. Checkout time is 10 a.m.

Island in the Sky District Capacities

AREA	SITE NAME	NO. OF SITES	CAPACITY PER SITE	
			VEHICLES	PEOPLE
White Rim	Taylor Canyon	1	3	15
	Labyrinth	2	3	15
	Hardscrabble	2	3	15
	Potato Bottom	3	3	15

	Candlestick	1	3	15
	Murphy	3	3	15
	White Crack	1	3	15
	Gooseberry	2	3	15
	Airport	4	3	15
Shafer Canyon	Shafer	1	3	15

Needles District Capacities

AREA	SITE NAME	NO. OF SITES	CAPACITY PER SITE VEHICLES	PEOPLE
Salt Creek	Peek-a-Boo	2	3	10
Elephant Hill	Devils Kitchen	4	3	10
	Bobby Jo	2	3	10
	Horsehoof Arch	1	3	10
	New Bates Wilson	1	3	10

Maze District Capacities

AREA	SITE NAME	NO. OF SITES	CAPACITY PER SITE VEHICLES	PEOPLE
Maze Area	Doll House	3	3	9
	Chimney Rock	1	3	9
	The Wall	1	3	9
	Standing Rock	1	3	9
	Maze Overlook	2	3	9
	Golden Stairs**	1	3	9
	Teapot Canyon**	1	3	9
	Sunset Pass**	1	3	9
Orange Cliffs	Flint Seep**	1	5	16
	The Neck**	1	3	9
	Happy Canyon**	1	3	9
High Spur	North Point**	1	3	9
	Panorama Point**	1	3	9
	Cleopatra's Chair**	1	3	9
	High Spur**	1	3	9
	Millard Canyon	1	3	9
	Ekker Butte**	1	3	9

**Campsites in the Orange Cliffs Unit of Glen Canyon National Recreation Area.
All others are in Canyonlands National Park.

In zones where vehicle camping is permitted, groups larger than noted above must split up to meet the group size limits for the individual sites, and camp in different campsites.

Groups thus split must independently meet all requirements for overnight groups: separate permits with different trip leader for each permit, portable toilet, separate kitchen set-ups and cooking facilities.

Campsite reservations may be limited to designated numbers of nights in order to allow maximum public access. When reservations are restricted during high use seasons, visitors may not extend their stays by remaining in the site under a different permit. Length of stay requirements applies to individuals not just the permit holder.

ROADLESS AREAS CAMPING (where designated backcountry sites do not exist) must be as follows:

- At least one mile from and out of sight of front country roads, four-wheel-drive roads, trailheads, and developed areas.
- 300 feet from water sources, including seeps, potholes, springs, and streams; the Green and Colorado Rivers are exceptions.
- 300 feet away from all prehistoric or historic cultural sites, including alcoves, rock art, surface scatters of lithic or ceramics, partial or complete structures or ruins.
- On rock surfaces, previously disturbed areas, or surfaces without cryptobiotic soil crusts or vegetation.
- Group size for overnight use in roadless areas shall not exceed seven (7) people in the Island in the Sky and Needles Districts, and five (5) people in the Maze District. When larger backpacking groups split up to meet the group camping size limits, each sub-group must be equipped as a self-sustaining group. Each division of a larger group must have the ability to treat their own water, cook their own food, and must camp at least one mile apart from other divisions of the group in at-large camping zones, or at different sites in the designated campsite zones.
- Camping on the mesa top in the Island in the Sky District is restricted to zones open to camping as defined by the Canyonlands National Park Backcountry Management Plan.
- In the Maze District, the top of Pete's Mesa and areas below and visible from the Maze Overlook are closed to camping.

(d) In any campground or designated camping area garbage must be disposed of in designated receptacles and may not be left in bags or other soft containers. Food must be stored in vehicles or hardened containers (with securing mechanisms in place) except when being prepared or consumed.

In the Needles district, food and beverages, food and beverage containers, garbage,

and all other scented items must be stored in an approved igbc <http://www.igbconline.org/html/container.html> bear resistant container (BRC) at least 100 feet from camp in the following backcountry areas from March 15 through November 30. BRCs are recommended for all other dates and backcountry units not listed below.

2.13 Fires

(a)(1) Open wood fires are allowed only in the provided fire rings located within the Squaw Flat and Willow Flat Campgrounds, and within the Wooden Shoe and Split Top group camp sites. Wood gathering is not allowed anywhere in the Park, **except as provided for river runners in 36 CFR 2.1. (a)(4)**. Charcoal fires are allowed at designated backcountry vehicle campsites only if visitors bring in and use fire pans. Users must pack out fire pans and all ash and charcoal. Backcountry users, subject to the terms of the Backcountry Management Plan and a backcountry use permit, are not permitted to have beach campfires. Beach campfires by river runners are subject to the terms of the River Management Plan, **36 CFR 2.1(a)(4)**, and a flatwater or whitewater river trip permit.

2.14 Sanitation and Refuse

(b) Solid human waste must be containerized and carried out of the Park by all boaters camping along the Colorado and Green Rivers. Toilet systems must either (1) be the washable, reusable type allowing for the sanitary transfer of waste materials to septic vaults or sewage treatment facilities, or (2) be of the type that uses dry chemicals/enzymes to render solid human waste into nonhazardous products acceptable for disposal in permitted landfills. Human waste containerized in this manner must be stored in hard sided or sealed dry bags that are ruggedized and durable.

Solid human waste must be carried out of the backcountry by campers at the Needles District's Chesler Park 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and the Elephant Canyon 1, 2, 3 designated backpacking campsites. Toilet systems must be of the type that treats solid waste with dry chemicals/enzymes and is EPA approved for disposal in landfills.

In non-developed areas, toilet paper must be carried out. Burning toilet paper is prohibited.

Toilets are not provided in the Maze vehicle campsites, and at the New Bates Wilson backcountry vehicle site in the Needles District. Campers at these sites are required to carry out solid human waste in a portable toilet system. Toilet systems must either (1) be the washable, reusable type allowing for the sanitary transfer of waste materials to septic vaults or sewage treatment facilities or (2) be of the type that uses dry chemicals/enzymes to render solid human waste into nonhazardous products acceptable for disposal in permitted landfills. Bagging and then disposing of untreated human waste in landfills is not acceptable.

2.15 Pets

(a)(1) Pets are prohibited in any backcountry area, including vehicles on designated backcountry roads, on any hiking trails, at any overlook, or any sidewalk or pathway leading to an overlook as defined on the Canyonlands brochure, or any river trip within the Park, or in the Horseshoe Canyon unit of the Park. The following exceptions apply:

- Pets may be possessed by motorists traversing the park in a single day via the Potash-Shafer Canyon-Island in the Sky road. Pets must be on a leash at all times when not in the vehicle, and must remain on the designated road surface only. Any pet fecal material deposited on the ground must be collected and removed from the park.
- During winter and spring periods when the road to Beef Basin via Cathedral Butte is closed by snow/mud, persons with pets are allowed to transit the Needles District via the park's designated Transit Route (Elephant Hill-Devil's Lane-Bobby's Hole). Pets must be on a leash at all times when not in the vehicle, and must remain on the designated road surface only. Any pet fecal material deposited on the ground must be collected and removed from the park.

Service animals accompanying a person with impairment are allowed. Therapy animals are not Service animals.

- Pets may not be led by leash from a bicycle or vehicle within Canyonlands National Park.
- Pets are prohibited on commercial tours.

(a)(3) Leaving a pet unattended and tied to an object is prohibited except in the following circumstances:

- Pets may be left unattended by vehicle owners under the following conditions:
- Pets must be secured at a location where they will not interfere with wildlife or normal travel by other visitors.
- Pets which bark excessively or exhibit aggressive behavior may not be left unattended.
- Pets may not be left unattended if temperatures or conditions could endanger the pet's health.
- No pet may be left unattended overnight.
- Pets must be secured such that no resource damage occurs.

(a)(5) Pet excrement must be immediately collected by the pet handler and disposed of in

the nearest trash receptacle.

Park residents may keep pets in compliance with the current pet policy for the Southeast Utah Group. That policy is hereby adopted and made part of these orders.

2.16 Horses and Pack Animals

(a) Animals designated as pack animals shall be limited to the following:

- Horses
- Burros
- Mules

(b) Horse or pack animal use is allowed in the following designated areas only:

- All designated four-wheel drive roads.
- **Needles District:** the Salt Creek Trail from Peekaboo to Angel Arch.

(g) The following conditions are established for use of horses or pack animals:

- All pack and saddle stock users must obtain a backcountry use permit, either for day use or camping. Day use permits are unlimited and free of charge, except in Salt Creek, Horse Canyon and Lavender Canyon in the Needles District. For these areas, and for all overnight stays in the backcountry, permits are available through the Backcountry Reservation Office, and there is a required fee.
- Group size for day use is ten (10) people and ten (10) animals, except in Salt Creek, Horse Canyon, and Lavender Canyon in the Needles District, use is limited to seven (7) animals per day.
- Group size for overnight use is seven (7) people and ten (10) animals in the Needles and Island in the Sky Districts, and five (5) people and eight (8) animals in the Maze District.
- Day use of pack and saddle stock is allowed on all backcountry roads.
- Overnight use by pack and saddle stock is allowed at all backcountry vehicle campsites. Manure and feed must be removed from the campsite and packed out.
- Pack and stock animals may not be left unattended. They must be staked away from water sources (at least 300 feet) and away from vegetation where possible, and may not be unstaked and hobbled. Animals may be tethered to the horse or stock trailer, in the parking areas of designated campsites.

- All pack and saddle animals are required to be fed pelletized feed for 48 hours in advance of and for the duration of the trip to prevent the spread of exotic plant species. Park vegetation may not be consumed.
- At-large camping with stock is not permitted.
- Cross country travel is not permitted.
- Campsites must be a minimum of 300 feet from any non-flowing water source or archeological site and 100 feet from any flowing water source.
- Manure must be removed immediately if dropped in or near any spring or non-flowing water source.
- Grazing is prohibited within the park boundaries. All feed must be carried in and supplied by horse and pack animal users.
- Horse and pack animals shall not be tied to trees, signs, or other structures.

2.21 Smoking

(a) Smoking is prohibited in all public use and administrative buildings and facilities, and in all government-owned or leased vehicles.

2.22 Property

(a)(2) Park visitors may leave their vehicles unattended in excess of 24 hours for the period of time specified on their backcountry camping permit.

Caching water and food supplies for extended backcountry trips will be allowed with prior approval of the District Ranger. Visitors wishing to cache supplies should submit a request with their request for a backcountry permit.

Traditional Geocaching is prohibited. Geocaching is defined as the placement of a cache within the park boundaries and distributing the coordinates, or other clues to the coordinates, for the purpose of locating the cache at a later date.

Virtual caches or waymarks are permitted in areas open to the public

2.23 Recreation Fees

(b) The following areas within Canyonlands National Park are designated recreation fee areas:

- Needles District
- Island in the Sky District

Front country group and individual campsites are designated fee sites.

2.35 Alcoholic Beverages and Controlled Substances

(a)(3)(i) All public use buildings of the park are closed to the consumption of alcoholic beverages except during officially sanctioned activities when the building is closed to the general public.

2.51 Public Assemblies, Meetings

Public assemblies, meetings, gatherings, demonstrations, parades and other public expressions of views:

Note: Gathering for the purpose of expressing views and making statements such as is protected under the **First Amendment** does not require a permit as long as the activity takes place in one of the designated “First Amendment” areas indicated in this document and the involved group is less than 25 people. Groups larger than 25 people need a permit. Printed matter, used as part of a “First Amendment” activity may be allowed in the “First Amendment” area without a permit for groups with less than 25 people.

2.62 Memorialization

All undeveloped areas are open to the scattering of human ashes from cremation, pursuant to conditions of a special use permit issued by the Superintendent, with the exception of archeological sites and standing pools of water.

Human ashes may not be scattered in any standing pools of water, potholes, or side streams and creeks. Human ashes may be scattered in the main stem of the Green and/or Colorado Rivers.

4.11 Load Weight and Size Limits

(b) (1) Vehicles (or a combination of vehicles) which exceeds 21 feet in overall length are prohibited from traveling on the Elephant Hill Road

4.21 Speed Limits

(b) The speed limit on backcountry roads within the park is 15 miles per hour unless otherwise posted.

4.30 Bicycles

(a) The use of bicycles is permitted on all public roadways within the Park.
The possession of a bicycle off a public roadway is prohibited.

(d)(3) Bicycles are prohibited from operating abreast of another bicycle on all roadways within the Park.

APPENDIX

AREA PROTECTION - Wildlife

3/27/2015

Closures remain in effect through the end of the termination date specified below, or until surveys determine the associated habitats to be unoccupied by nesting raptors and/or lambing bighorn sheep.

Park area	Feature name	Route name	Effective date	Termination date	Justification
Arches Entrance	The Pickle	The Pickle	1 Apr	31 Aug	Within bighorn sheep lambing habitat
Arches Switchbacks	The Three Penguins	All routes on the feature	15 Mar	15 Aug	Close proximity to red-tailed hawk nest
Devils Garden	Devil Dog Spire	Industrial Disease	1 Dec	30 Sep	Close proximity to great-horned owl nest
Garden of Eden	Ham Rock	Harkonnen Castle (Dune)	15 Mar	15 Aug	Close proximity to red-tailed hawk nest
Highway 191	N/A	Canyonlands by Night	1 Mar	31 Aug	Within peregrine falcon nesting territory and bighorn sheep lambing habitat
		El Segundo			
		The Coup			
	Chron's Wall	Crohn's Odyssey	1 Mar	31 Aug	Within peregrine falcon nesting territory
		Left Route			
		Project One			
Klondike Bluffs	N/A	Klondike Bluffs Crack	1 Mar	31 Aug	Close proximity to peregrine falcon and golden eagle nests
		Route One			
	The Bouquet	Route Two	1 Mar	31 Aug	Close proximity to peregrine falcon nest
		Cuddlebunny Tower			
		False Start			
		North Marcher			
		Sand Hearse			
		Unknown Marching Men			
Highway 128 (River Road)	Goose Island	Fun Ramp	1 Mar	31 Aug	Within peregrine falcon nesting territory and bighorn sheep lambing habitat
		The Hyaena			
		Trail of the Navajo			
	Milano Tower	Pop Tarts			
	N/A	Escape Route			
Windows	Tonka Tower	Tonka Tower	15 Mar	15 Aug	Close proximity to red-tailed hawk nest

Island in the Sky Visitor Center



First Amendment Area located in the Northwest corner of the Visitor Center Parking Lot

Needles Visitor Center



First amendment Area located at the Northwest corner of the Visitor Center Patio



